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TAGS: UNGA, ECOSOC, SENV

SUBJ: 28TH GA - SECOND COMMITTEE, ITEM 50, UNEP:
ARGENTINE RESOLUTION

REF: (1) USUN 4759; (2) STATE 221348

1. THIS MSG FURTHER CLARIFIES USUN EFFORTS WITH
REGARD ARGENTINE RESOLUTION.

2. PARA 4 REF (1) INDICATED THAT AT PROPER TIME WE
WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 6 DELETED
OR ALTERED TO MEET YOUR OBJECTIONS CITED PARA 3 REF (2).
PRESENT TACTIC IS TO DO NOTHING WITH REGARD
THESE PARAS AND CONCENTRATE ENTIRELY ON HARMONIZING BASIC
DIFFERENCES IN ORDER TO STEER RESOLUTION TO ADOPTION BY
CONSENSUS AS DESCRIBED PARA 2 REF (1).

3. REASONING FOR THIS CHANGE IN TACTICS IS AS FOLLOWS:
FIRST, EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE DIFFERENCES IN SITUATION WHICH
FRAUGHT WITH EMOTION ON PART OF ARGENTINES AND BRAZILIANS
SHOULD NOT BE MUDDIED WITH EXTRANEIOUS SIDE PLAY THAT
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ONLY SERVES TO FRUSTRATE A LARGE NUMBER OF

COSPONSORING COUNTRIES ALMOST ALL OF WHOM ARE PART OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. SECOND, WE QUESTION IMPORTANT OF POINT MADE IN REF (2) THAT GA ENDORSEMENT OF ARGENTINE RESOLUTION, INDIRECTLY OR DIRECTLY PUTS U.S. IN POSITION OF ENDORSING ACTIONS TAKEN BY A CONFERENCE TO WHICH IT NOT A PARTY AND IN DEVELOPMENT OF DECISIONS OF WHICH THE U.S. PLAYED NO PART. THE FACT IS THAT THE ECONOMIC DECLARATION EMANATING FROM THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS INCLUDED A COMPONENT THAT DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE ISSUE OF HOW TO HANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS THAT CONCERN TWO OR MORE STATES. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE IS NO HARM IN RECOGNIZING THIS FACT; INDEED, A CASE CAN BE MADE FOR APPLAUDING THIS RECOGNITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS BY A LARGE GROUP OF COUNTRIES IN A FORUM OF THEIR OWN. LASTLY, IF THE ARGENTINES RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY CONSENSUS, THE U.S. WON'T COMMIT ITSELF ANYWAY; AND IF IT GOES TO A VOTE AND WE ABSTAIN, AS PLANNED, WE ALSO WILL NOT COMMIT OURSELVES. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW EFFORTS TO CHANGE PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 6 A USELESS EXERCISE.

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